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WASHINGTON, September 7, 1989 -- Carloadings* originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended September 2 totaled 352,148, virtually the same as the comparable week of 1988 and 1.9 percent above the preceding week of 1989, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads.

Carloadings originated were up 1.7 percent in the West but down 1.5 percent in the East, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1988 week, chemical loadings were up 2,239 cars (8.3 percent). Coal loadings were up 2,192 cars (1.7 percent). Loadings of motor vehicles and equipment were down 1,097 cars (5.9 percent), while loadings of waste and scrap materials dropped by 1,375 cars (14.2 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first 35 weeks of 1989 totaled 11,635,219, down 0.9 percent from the comparable period a year ago.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- which is not included in the carloadings -- totaled 123,747 trailers and/or containers for the week ended September 2, up 3.9 percent from the comparable week of 1988.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 35 weeks of 1989 was 3,943,294 trailers and/or containers, 3.2 percent above the comparable 1988 total.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended September 2 totaled 20.0 billion, virtually the same as the comparable week of 1988. Cumulative volume for the first 35 weeks of 1989 was an estimated 666.2 billion ton-miles, down 0.3 percent from the comparable period of last year.

**Because of changes in reporting, 1989 figures are not comparable to previous years, except for 1988, which has been restated for purposes of comparison with 1989.*

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 2, 1989

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 2, 1989	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1988	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	26,671	25,828	3.3 %	26,148	2.0 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	1,040	1,034	.6	921	12.9
Metallic Ores	21,317	20,653	3.2	20,120	5.9
Coal	133,827	131,635	1.7	132,806	.8
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	18,123	18,396	-1.5	17,728	2.2
Nonmetallic Minerals	10,302	10,973	-6.1	10,104	2.0
Grain Mill Products	10,280	11,114	-7.5	9,908	3.8
Food & Kindred Products	9,075	9,075	.0	8,731	3.9
Primary Forest Products	9,447	10,182	-7.2	9,281	1.8
Lumber & Wood Products	6,822	7,045	-3.2	6,619	3.1
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,875	11,267	-3.5	10,595	2.6
Chemicals	29,313	27,074	8.3	27,247	7.6
Petroleum Products	5,244	5,067	3.5	5,258	-.3
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	10,982	10,965	.2	11,007	-.2
Coke	5,385	5,824	-7.5	5,373	.2
Metals & Products	10,709	10,802	-.9	9,831	8.9
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	17,400	18,497	-5.9	17,889	-2.7
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,311	9,686	-14.2	8,311	.0
All Other Carloads	7,025	7,164	-1.9	7,596	-7.5
Total	**352,148**	**352,281**	**.0 %**	**345,473**	**1.9 %**

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 2, 1989 1989	1988	CHANGE	CUMULATIVE: 35 WEEKS ENDING SEPTEMBER 2, 1989 1989	1988	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	**352,148**	**352,281**	**.0 %**	**11,635,219**	**11,737,415**	**-.9 %**
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	73,107	72,394	1.0	2,283,291	2,309,134	-1.1
Containers	50,640	46,751	8.3	1,660,003	1,511,322	9.8
Total	**123,747**	**119,145**	**3.9**	**3,943,294**	**3,820,456**	**3.2**
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	**20.0**	**20.0**	**.0 %**	**666.2**	**668.3**	**-.3 %**

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